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RECIPIENT: MR. CHAPMAN (CIA)
 SUBJECT: MEDICAL SURVEY OF RONGELAPESE

Dr. Dunham and Dwight Ink have discussed with Department of Interior officials the rumor of ARC planning another full-scale medical survey of the Rongelapse this coming year.

The basis for the Secretary's CIO from ago Pago was a conversation between him, Mr. A. H. Lusai, Director of Office of Trust Territories, and persons at Kwajalein, which gave Interior the erroneous impression that another full-scale survey was about to be made. Unfortunately, DIOG Jucker, Trust Territories, who was fully cognizant of our actual planning in this area, had already left the party at Guam.

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Upon returning from the Rongelapse, Mr. Lusai learned that ARC had no plans for such a survey and so advised Mr. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior. He further advised that the understandings reached between DIOG Jucker and Dr. Dunham were appropriate, and would include the present visit by Dr. Conard alone to confer with Trust territory medical and staff people.

Secretary Seaton saw you before Mr. Lusai had advised him that the situation was satisfactory. Mr. Ink has since been assured by both Mr. Lusai and Secretary Seaton's Assistant that the Secretary has now been fully advised, and that he is satisfied with the existing arrangements.

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Attachment:
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General Manager

cc: Commissioner Gibbons
Commissioner Graham
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cc: DR. DUNHAM (B&M)
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